

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Rehl.

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Hedrington, Morse, and Mayor Rehl.
City Attorney Clayton Zamudio was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Interim Fire Chief Gary Brown
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Rehl and recited by all members present.

INVOCATION: Mayor Rehl asked for a moment of silence.

APPROVE AGENDA:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to amend the agenda as follows: 1. under New Business item k. listed hiring Hanna Ellis and Amina Hussein. The hiring of Amina Hussein needs to be listed as item n, and 2. Laying over item m. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Ilah Tinder said she has property for sale and is having an issue with the neighboring property who has junk that is not being cleaned up. Ms. Tinder would like to have the Code Enforcement Officer return her call. Ms. Tinder said the City's odd/even parking Ordinance is not being adhered to. Ms. Tinder said she has noticed the Street Department employees are working in groups of 2 when there is not a need to have employees working together. Commissioner Adleman said he would contact Ms. Tinder to discuss the items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 4, 2022. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from January 1 - 14, 2022 in the amount of \$355,700.58. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Reports:
Staff Report-City Administrator, Sonya Hoppes
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse

Mayor-Ted Rehl

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2678 amending chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Article III, Retail License, Section 6-82, of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances limiting the number of Class G License. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he would like to see the Class G Licenses limited to 4. Commissioner Fitzgerald said there are only a couple of convenience stores, and said he believes the addition of the Class G License created overkill on the slot machines within the City. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6289 retroactively approving the selection of the City's Health Insurance plan for 2021-2022. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6290 approving incentives for employees following the selection of HMO Health Insurance Plan for 2021-2022. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6291 approving the final pay estimate for the 2021 MFT Streets Program. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs said there was an issue with one of the manholes due to some tampering from residents. Mr. Boggs said there was a small increase due to some drainage issues. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6292 approving Change Order No. 3 regarding the new City Waste Water Treatment Facility in an amount not to exceed \$41,557.00. Commissioner Morse second the motion. City Engineer, Seth Gronewold provided an update for the project. The contractor, River City is substantially over the completion date, however; they are working on the last building and the remaining punch list items. Mr. Gronewold reviewed issues that caused delays with the project. Mr. Gronewold said the project is transitioning from Phase I to Phase II. The project initially eliminated Class A Sludge from the contract resulting in a reduction of \$1,409,000.00. Due to some of the cost issues needed during construction, the project is still \$668,000.00 under budget. Administrator Hoppes said Superintendent Reininger could provide additional information in his quarterly report showing what stage the plant is in the construction. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6293 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Joint Engineering contract between the Village of Roscoe, the City of South Beloit, and Fehr Graham. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6294 authorizing the reimbursement out of the City's Community Development Fund of \$5,000.00 each to the Best Western Hotel and the Tollway Inn for external revitalization and beautification improvements. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Mayor Rehl said hotels were hurt and did not get any COVID funding relief. Administrator Hoppes said the funds have to be used for exterior improvement by October 31, 2022. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6295 A Resolution regarding pay schedule for certain full and part-time Fire Department employees of the City of South Beloit, Illinois. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said the pay schedule is correcting pay issues in the department. Council approved \$100,000.00 to correct pay issues across City Departments. \$72,000.00 of the approved amount will go to the Fire Department full and part-time wages. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6296 appointing member to the Stateline Mass Transit District Board as follows:

- Jack Cook is hereby appointed as Trustee for the SMTD to fill the unexpired one (1) year term of Phil Samuel with said term to expire in July 2022.

Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- j. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Theron Williams as paid-on call Firefighter at a rate of \$12.00/hour. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Hanna Ellis as paid-on call Firefighter at a rate of \$12.00/hour. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- l. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Sean Laurent as a paid-on call Firefighter/EMT at a rate of \$14.00/hour. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- m. Discussion of private tows of inoperable/nuisance vehicles under the South Beloit Code of Ordinances Code Section 102-75 was laid over during the approval of the agenda.
- n. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Amina Hussein as a paid-on call Firefighter/EMT at a rate of \$14.00/hour. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:11 pm on a motion from Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Fitzgerald council approved going in to Executive Session. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

- 1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members at the reconvening of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:03 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: